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1. The Yunnan Military District comprises nine military sub-districts¹ with headquarters as follows:

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- 1 Military Sub-District at K'unming (N 25-04, E 102-41)
- 2 Military Sub-District at Chaot'ung (N 27-20, E 103-39)
- 3 Military Sub-District at Ch'uching (N 25-32, E 103-45)
- 4 Military Sub-District at Wenshan (N 23-22, E 104-14)
- 5 Military Sub-District at Mengtzu (N 23-20, E 103-23)
- 6 Military Sub-District at Ningerh (N 23-03, E 101-05)
- 7 Military Sub-District at Tai (N 25-43, E 100-11)
- 8 Military Sub-District at Paoshan (N 25-07, E 99-09)
- 9 Military Sub-District at Lichiang (N 26-51, E 100-15)

2. CH'EN Keng (7115/6342) is commander of the Yunnan Military District and commander of the 4 Army Group. Commanders of the military sub-districts are generally concurrently commanders or deputy commanders of the armies or divisions stationed in the particular sub-district.

3. The Yunnan Military District commands 18 public security regiments. These regiments had been organized from the native Communist guerrilla units in Yunnan which had been in existence prior to the fall of Yunnan to the Communists.² Most of the officers who commanded these original units had been replaced later by other officers appointed by field army unit commands. The main duty of the public security units is to maintain peace and order within the military district. Their fighting power is far inferior to that of regular field army units. Headquarters of five of the 18 regiments are at Lungling (N 24-34, E 98-42), T'engch'ung (N 25-01, E 98-29), Ch'eli (N 21-58, E 100-50), Nanchiao (N 22-07, E 100-11), and Lants'ang (N 22-35, E 99-59).

4. The militia units of the Yunnan Military District maintain local order and serve as the basis for national mobilization. Militia units on a

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hsien level are organized as detachments, units on a ch'u level as battalions, and at the hsiang level as companies. The militia strength of Yunnan is approximately 220,000 men.

5. The headquarters of the 41 Division, commanded by CH'A Yu-sheng (2686/3768/2573), is at Paoshan, with the 121 Regiment, under WANG Fu-lin (3769/4395/2651), at Mangshih (N 24-27, E 98-35); the 122 Regiment, under KAO Cheng-hung (7559/2973/3163), at Chenk'ang (N 24-07, E 99-25); and the 123 Regiment, under HUANG Ku-ch'iu (7806/6253/4428), in Paoshan.⁴

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Comment. Available information indicates that there are twelve special administrative districts (chuan ch'u, 1413/0575) in Yunnan. Since these special administrative districts are believed to be geographically coincident with the military sub-districts, the figure of twelve military sub-districts given in the referenced report would seem to be the more credible figure.

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2. [Redacted] Comment. No clear picture of public security order of battle in Yunnan has yet emerged from the volume of reports on this subject. Numerous reports have indicated the presence of public security divisions in Yunnan in the 101 - 109 numbering block: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] More recently, reports

have mentioned the Yunnan 1 - 8 Public Security Regiments; [Redacted]

[Redacted] there were at least twelve base regiments (chi kan t'uan, 1015/1631/0957) in Yunnan. The history of their organization as there reported parallels that given here for the 18 public security regiments and the two types of units may in fact be identical.

[Redacted] concerning the establishment of the Western and Southern Yunnan Garrison Area Commands. According to that report, the Western Garrison Command, comprising three military sub-districts, commanded one public security division and six public security ta tui (1129/7130) of the three military subdistricts, while the Southern Garrison Area Command, comprising four military sub-districts, commanded one public security division and eight public security ta tui of the four military sub-districts.

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3. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Official Chinese Communist announcements have indicated a heavy emphasis on militia organization, training, and recruiting in the Southwest China Military Area and have claimed an increase of 704,000 militiamen in this area in the last year.

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4. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] located the 41 Division in these areas in December 1952.

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